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SUBJECT: COMMITTEE REPORT ON MUTSU

REF: 1. TOKYO 13415, 2. TOKYO 13554, 3. TOKYO 14392

1. THE INVESTIGATION COMMITTEE ON THE RADIATION LEAK ABOARD THE MUTSU, A GOVERNMENT BODY HEADED BY YOSHITOSHI OYAMA, PROF EMERITUS OF TOKYO INSTITUTE OF TECH., ON MAY 13 SUBMITTED ITS REPORT ON THE RADIATION LEAKAGE INCIDENT OF THE NUCLEAR SHIP MUTSU. MAIN POINTS WHICH APPEARED IN NEWSPAPERS MAY 14 FOLLOW:

2. COMMITTEE ASSIGNED PARTIAL BLAME FOR FAULTY SHIELD DESIGN TO LACK OF CONSISTENCY AND COORDINATION AMONG VARIOUS GOJ AGENCIES. THE JAPAN NUCLEAR SHIP DEVELOPMENT AGENCY (JNSDA) HAD THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR DEVELOPING THE SHIP, THE SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AGENCY (STA) HAD THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE BASIC DESIGN AND THE MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT (MOT) FOR THE DETAILED DESIGN.

3. THE REPORT SAID THAT THE JNSDA DID NOT POSSESS SUFFICIENT TECHNICAL RESOURCES, DEPENDED EXCESSIVELY ON US TECHNOLOGY, DID NOT CONDUCT SUFFICIENT REACTOR SAFETY TESTS BEFORE THE
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REACTOR WAS INSTALLED IN THE SHIP AND RELIED EXCESSIVELY ON

THEORETICAL CALCULATIONS.

4. NEWSPAPER ACCOUNTS STATED THAT THE REPORT DID NOT SPECIFY
PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY FOR FAULTY REACTOR.

5. COMMITTEE WAS SET UP BY THE GOJ LAST NOV 1974 TO STUDY
THE TECHNICAL, OPERATIONAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE ASPECTS OF THE
MUTSU INCIDENT.

6. OYAMA HAS GIVEN EMBASSY SUBJECT REPORT. WILL POUCH COPIES
TO ADDRESSEES AS SOON AS TRANSLATION COMPLETED.
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